PROFESSOR LAURA TO GIVE INAUGURAL LECTURE

Professor Ronald Laura, who will take up his appointment to the Chair of Education in Degree at the University's next Inaugural Lecture

Professor Laura will speak on "The Metaphysics of Education: A Meeting Place of Science and Religion in the Drama Theatre" on Friday, November 24, at 5.30 p.m.

Inaugural Lectures are presented by Convocation and are normally intended as occasions at which new Professors are introduced to their colleagues, to students and to graduates. The lecturers are also encouraged to take the opportunity to report on developments in the research areas in which they have published.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Dr. Laura took his first degree at Lewis and Clark College and later graduated from Harvard University with an Honours Degree in Ethics. He is Rootbert Research Fellow in Moral Philosophy at St. John's College, where he read for his M.A. degree at the University of Cambridge and later was admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Oxford University.

Dr. Laura has held academic positions at Harvard University, at Reading University and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is currently Lecturer in the Philosophy of Education in Monash University, where he also lectures in the Department of Philosophy.

Dr. Laura is a 33-year-old school with an established international reputation from numerous publications in a wide range of journals. He has command of several languages and is accomplished in music and in sport. Dr. Laura who is married with three children, anticipates taking up his Newcastle appointment towards the end of this year.

SPECIALISED CONFERENCE FOR ECONOMISTS

More than 100 economists are to attend an Institute of Industrial Economics Conference on The Economics of Structural Change and Adjustments at the University on November 16 and 17. The Conference will possibly be the largest on a specialised Economists topic ever held in Newcastle. All but 18 of the visitors come from outside Newcastle. Thirty-six per cent are representatives of Universities, and Government organisations have sent 34 per cent of the delegates. Others are attached to C.S. A.E., Technical Colleges and private research organisations.

Dr. C.J. Aislabie, Deputy Director of the Institute of Industrial Economics, explained during 1977 that the institute had received suggestions from various places outside Newcastle that the institute organise a national conference of high academic quality in the general area of Industrial Economics. The conference was meant to be a first, modest venture in this direction, but the response in terms of the number (25) and quality of the papers offered and accepted and the number of registrants exceeded the Institute's wildest expectations.

Dr. Aislabie added that papers would incorporate the findings of original research into this major contemporary economic problem.

Lecture Theatres R02, S02 and R04 will be the venues of most of the Conference proceedings.

MR. DUNSTAN TO LECTURE TOMORROW NIGHT

Mr. Don Dunstan, Premier of the State of South Australia, will deliver the 1978 Newcastle Lecture at the University on Friday night, November 17.

Mr. Dunstan's planned visit on October 27 was postponed on account of the tragic death of Ms Adele Koh, his wife. Convocation normally organises a Newcastle Lecture every year. The function is designed to enable citizens of Newcastle to meet and hear celebrated Australians. Previous lecturers in the series are Sir Garfield Barwick and Professor Charles Birch.

Mr. Dunstan will speak on 'Are We Back In 1929?'

The dinner will be held in the upstairs dining room of the Student House on November 24, 1978 at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Wentworth will speak on Are We Back In 1929?

BROADCAST

Excerpts from the tape of Mr. Dunstan's address to the Great Hall on November 27, at 8 p.m.

FORMER PARLIAMENTARIAN'S VISIT TO THE CAMPUS

Mr. W.C. Wentworth, Liberal Member of Parliament from 1949 to 1977, will be guest speaker at the Christmas Dinner of Newcastle Branch of the Economics Society of Australia.

The dinner will be held in the upstairs dining room of the Student House on November 24, 1978 at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Wentworth will speak on Are We Back In 1929?
LAW REFORM COMMISSION SPEAKER FOR SEMINAR

Mr. Darryl Gunther, of the Australian Law Reform Commission, will be a special speaker at a seminar on aboriginal culture to be held by the Community Programmes department on November 17 and 18.

Mr. Gunther will deal with Central Australian tribal law. His address will territorially cover tribes involved in the Ranger uranium dispute. Three speakers are of aboriginal descent. They are Mr. Ray Kelly, initiated man of the Thainghatti tribe, Mr. Rex Marshall, of the Bundjalung tribe, and Mr. Jack Heath, descended from the Ngamba tribe. The will deal with tribal history, philosophy, medicine, and experience in urbanised society.

The Chairman of the Law Reform Commission, the Hon. Mr. Justice Kirby, advised he would have liked to have taken part in the seminar, but was unable to do so because the Commission was sitting in Western Australia.

NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL GRANTS 1979, 1980 AND 1981

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**Reading Courses**

For a number of years the University Counselling Service has provided reading courses for Year 10 High School students who intend to proceed to the Higher School Certificate level. The courses have helped students increase their reading efficiency and so enabled them to cope more effectively with their academic work.

For the last three years the Counselling Service has divided students into two groups so that each can work at a pace more suitable to their capabilities.

Those who read frequently for pleasure and consider themselves to be reasonably fast readers are advised to enrol in one of the Advanced Courses. Those with average reading skills are advised to attend one of the Standard Courses. The courses are not remedial. Students with severe reading problems are advised not to enrol. Each course will consist of six sessions. Each session will last two hours. Numbers will be limited in each course. The courses begin on November 20 and terminate on December 1. The fee is $20 per student. The Counselling Service can supply further information.

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**Drama Theatre**

The Drama Theatre has been a popular spot with citizens and members of the University this month. The Department of Drama, in conjunction with the Department of Community Programmes, mounted a production of The Three Sisters by Anton Chekhov in the Theatre. It was produced by Mr. Ross McGregor, the new director of the Hunter Valley Theatre Company, and adapted for Australian audiences by Mr. Ralph Goldstein.

In a scene from the production are Vic Rooney, Angela Punch (who had parts in Newsfront and The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith), Jill Scole and Janya Hayes.

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**Newcastle Division of University Academic Staff Association A.G.M.**

The annual general meeting of the Newcastle Division of the University Academic Staff Association of New South Wales on November 7 deferred the presentation to the University of a proposed industrial agreement for academics.

The Division decided to distribute to all academics on the site copies of a document pointing out the implications of affiliation with the Academic Staff Association of N.S.W.

Earlier in the meeting, the Executive of the University of Newcastle Staff Association was endorsed as the Committee of the Newcastle Division of the U.A.S.A. until the Division elected a Committee at the general meeting in First Term next year.

The President of the Staff Association (Assoc. Professor G. Curthoys) explained that the aim behind the formation of the Division of the U.A.S.A. of N.S.W., which would be one of six in the state, was to give academics the protection of a body which could be registered as an industrial union.

There had been an attack on study leave entitlements, he stated, and other conditions of appointment, such as tenure, might be threatened, too.

The industrial agreement drawn up to protect the conditions of academics at this University made reference to 35 matters, including long service leave, recreation leave, sick leave, public holidays and superannuation.

Professor Curthoys added that the University could accept all parts of the agreement or agree to hold negotiations.

If a version were approved by both parties it would be registered by the appropriate industrial tribunal. Some members expressed concern because they felt most academics on the site were ignorant of the moves being made to form a Division of the U.A.S.A. of N.S.W. and have an industrial agreement accepted. Also, there were financial implications for the University and staff members.
UNUSUAL NEW AWARD

The Raw Prawn Award has received recognition as a perpetual trophy to be presented in the Department of Biological Sciences.

At the annual dinner of the Biology Society last year the trophy was presented to the Head of the department (Professor B. Boettcher) by Mr. T. Cowling.

It has now been decided that the trophy will be presented annually to the student or staff member who "has made the most notable contribution during the year, when he should have known better".

The first presentation of the award, according to the guidelines, will occur at this year's annual dinner of the Biology Society and the recipient will receive a book with a suitably inscribed book plaque. As well, his name will be listed on an Honour Roll within the Department of Biological Sciences.

ADDITIONS TO ART COLLECTION

Some time ago the University purchased a small bronze fountain by well-known Australian Sculptor Guy Boyd.

One of a limited edition of six the fountain has now been erected in the courtyard between the Mathematics, Behavioural Sciences and Social Sciences buildings.

It is set in a bed of rounded stones planted with water-loving plants and will ultimately have a backdrop of dense shrubbery.

The University is indebted to Professor W. Van Bertouch whose assistance made the purchase and erection of this fountain possible.

The second sculpture is by Miss Walker chosen The Ancient Mariner and the sculpture will be housed finally in the Library.

At the moment it is in the area immediately outside the Vice-Chancellor's office.

These acquisitions mean that the art collection belonging to the University continues to grow.

GOTTSCHALK MEDAL

The Gottschalk Medal was endowed by Mr. A. Gottschalk, FAA, and will be awarded for the first time in 1979. The Medal's purpose is to recognize distinguished research in the medical or biological sciences by younger scientists. Candidates must be under the age of 36 and their research must have been carried out mainly in Australia.

Nominations are being invited and should be addressed to: The Executive Secretary, Australian Academy of Science, PO Box 783, Canberra City, ACT 2601. Nominations close on 31 December, 1978.

PARTY FOR THOSE WHO CAN WAIT

Once again, ever mindful of the emotional needs of its members and friends, the Philosophy Club provides the ideal release from the trauma of receiving examination results.

Yes, it is the Annual Philosophy Club Party, which will be held on the night of the Arts Examiners' Meeting, December 12, at 7 p.m.

On this occasion, gratitude and best wishes will be extended to Professor A. Ritchie, who retires at the end of the year.

Come along. Bring some friends. Celebrate or commiserate, with red and white and snacks.

Members 50c; non-members 80c.

LIBRARY HAS SEVERAL FILMS

Members of staff are able to see the following films while they are on loan to the Auchmuty Library:

Sister If You Only Knew - Nov. 20 to Nov. 29, Marriage.


1576 HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

An early edition of John Foxe's Book of Martyrs is now on display in the Special Collections Room of the Auchmuty Library.

The volume, a third edition printed in 1576, has been lent to the Library for an extended period by Mr. John Birk, of the Faculty of Medicine.

The earliest draft of the Book of Martyrs was issued in Latin at Strasbourg in 1554. Five years later in 1559 the complete folio edition appeared under the title Rerum in ecclesia gestarum... commentarii. The first English edition appeared in 1563 and was printed by John Day.

Published as the Acts and monuments of these latter and perilous days, the work traced the history of the Christian Church giving great emphasis to the sufferings of its martyrs and particularly those in the reign of Mary.

A man of strong protestant conviction, Foxe had fled England during the reign of Mary and returned soon after the accession of Elizabeth in October 1559.

The strong anti-papist bias of the work suited the new Elizabethan climate of opinion and it became widely read and immensely popular, so popular in fact that "it was ordered to be set up in every one of the parish churches in England as well as in the common halls of archbishops, bishops, deans, archdeacones, and heads of colleges". With time it became known simply as the Book of Martyrs.

Three other editions were published in this lifetime - in 1570, 1576 and 1583. It is a copy of the 1576 edition that is being displayed.

FILM SOCIETY'S MEETING

A General Meeting of the Newcastle Film Society will be held in the University's Main Lecture Theatre at 8 pm on December 3 immediately before the screening of Last Tango in Paris. If the meeting continues for more than 15 minutes, it will be adjourned and then continued after the screening of the film.
PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS OF SMALL BUSINESS

Professor B.L. Johns, Mr. W.C. Dunlop, and Mr. W.J. Sheehan are the authors of Small Businesses in Australia, Problems and Prospects, just published by George Allen and Unwin and selling for a recommended $8.95. The book is an investigation of small businesses, their diversity, ownership and management, competitive advantages and disadvantages and their contribution to Australia's economy. Much of the considerable amount of new information in the book was gathered from a survey of more than 5,000 small businesses in Australia. There are also case studies of several individual trades and industries in which small businesses predominate.

The book says there are about 250,000 to 300,000 independent small businesses operating in the economy which account for more than 40 percent of total employment in the private sector.

The authors are attached to this University. At present Professor Johns is secondment to the Bureau of Industrial Economics and Messrs. Sheehan and Dunlop are Senior Lecturers in Economics.

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Tuesdays, November 14
10.30 am A PATH THROUGH ASIA.
Newcastle traveller Liz Parkinson takes you on a journey to a number of fascinating and exciting countries in Asia. Her experiences range from the unusual to the dangerous:
#1. On the Road.
9.00 pm WINE.
A series of talks written and presented by Dr. Doug Todd of the University.
#6. The grape vine.
10.30 pm THEATRE IN NEWCASTLE.
A series of radio documentaries dealing with professional, amateur, theatre/restaurant and educational drama in Newcastle and the Hunter Valley. Plus Newcastle's place in the national theatre scene. Compiled and presented by 3rd year students in the Drama Department at the University of Newcastle.
#1. Professional theatre.

Thursday, November 16
9.15 pm YOUR HEALTH.
A weekly discussion on an issue of personal health - introduced by Dr. Jill Gordon. Tonight: Cancer.
Guest - Professor Tony Smith (Faculty of Medicine).

Saturday, November 18
11.30 am SUPER ROCK with Russ Redford.
Rhythm, rock and blues with Uncle Russ. Old and new, popular and obscure music in a rock vein.

Monday, November 20
7.30 pm MUSICA VIVA CONCERT TIME.

Tuesday, November 21
5.25 pm STORYVILLE TO SWING STREET.
Jazz with Chris Gildersleeve.
9.00 pm SPECIALY FOR PARENTS.
A programme prepared by the Special Education Unit of the Newcastle CAE dealing with new ideas in education.

Thursday, November 23
2.00 pm DRUG USE AND ABUSE IN AUSTRALIA.
A comprehensive series of programmes.
#4. Alcohol. Part II.

Monday, November 27
11.00 am UNIVERSITY PEOPLE.
John Hill talks to visitors and presents highlights from lectures and speeches presented at the University of Newcastle.
ELEVENTH OF NOVEMBER COMMITTEE

Several members of the University who believe that the constitutional problems highlighted by the events of 11 November 1975 need to be kept in the open and not forgotten have constituted themselves as the Eleventh of November Committee and set as their aim the holding of an annual meeting on the topic of Australian constitutional reform.

The Chairman of the Committee is Associate Professor J.A. Ramsay. The first lecture organised by the Committee was held on 13 November when a group of 70 people from the University and the community heard the Hon. Frank Walker express the view that a Bill of Rights was an urgent need for Australia.

STUDENT OFF TO JAPAN

Mr. David Beverley, a part-time fourth year student in Mechanical Engineering, was selected to join a party of young men visiting Japan in November/ December this year. The visit is sponsored by the Mitsui Educational Foundation since 1961 in the field of Pacific area, because Australia should be the venue for the emergence of a people into an entirely new world. The visit is sponsored by the Flinders Centre, the Diet and the National Museum are included in the itinerary.

NEUROTOXIN CONFERENCE

Research by scientists into the venom of snakes and spiders has led to a knowledge of the cause of at least one major 'mystery' disease, and is opening the door to an understanding of several other such illnesses. In February, many of the world's top scientists in this field will review their work at an international conference being organized by the Flinders University Centre for Neuroscience. The Director of the Centre, Professor Laurie Geffen, says it is appropriate that Australia should be the venue for this conference, the first since 1961 in the field of neurotoxins to be held in the Pacific area, because Australia has the greatest variety of venomous spiders, snakes and marine life of any continent.

CONTINUING FILM SEASONS

Newcastle Film Society plans to continue its presentations next year. The basic activity will be three seasons of films, each season consisting of ten films.

All screenings will be in the University's Main Lecture Theatre on Sundays at 8 p.m. A subscription to any one season will be $5 for a single ticket. A subscription to all three seasons will cost $15 for a single ticket. Initially 300 tickets will be sold on a first-come - first-served basis. The Department of Community Programmes can give further details.

SCREENING OF UNUSUAL FILM

Why is the great film, The Human Condition, not really a commercial proposition in Australia? The Human Condition is, first, a Japanese film with subtitles and, second, an epic. Indeed it might well be the epic to end all epics, for it runs for nine and a half hours. If you are sitting for examinations and starting to grow weary then you probably won't want to see this film when it is screened by Newcastle Film Society at the University. For the information of those who are interested in seeing The Human Condition, and many will because of its importance to the World of Cinema, the screenings will be in Lecture Theatre B01 on December 8 (Part I repeated 11 a.m., Part 2 3 p.m. and Part 3 7.30 p.m.) and December 10 (Part 3 repeated 7 p.m.).

The Film Society has borrowed the film from the National Film Theatre, who is presenting Japan: History Through Cinema, a series, in state capital cities. The theme is the destruction of an ancient empire and the emergence of a people into an entirely new world.

STAFF

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. G.M. Pope, Lecturer, Department of Linguistics.

Mr. P.A. Warren, Technical Officer CR2, Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. A.F. Ashman, Lecturer, Faculty of Education.

Dr. H.A. Saunders, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Medicine.

Miss J.A. McGuinness, Office Assistant/Typist, Personnel Department.

Mrs. H.E. Longworth, Clerk, Library.

Mr. K.W. Hardy, Senior Storeman/Driver, Bursar's Division.

ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

Two bedroom unit, superior inclusions, Newcastle-The Hill, private sale, 3 years old. Phone 262093 Saturday - Sunday, 9 to 12 noon. $50,000.00.

Double bed, wood base and headboard, innerspring mattress. $45. Ext. 615.


"Sanyo" 3 in 1 record player and cassette player and AM/Short Wave radio - $100.

"Tempe" portable chord organ - $100.

"Coronet" 30 watt amplifier and microphone - $100.


All prices negotiable. Contact Sue Wotton on 261869 Saturdays only.


WANTED

Second-hand guitar in good condition. Suitable for child to learn on. Tel. 593633.

Learn Scuba Diving these holidays. Courses run over five days at Port Stephens Water Wonderland. New course starts each Monday. Full course fee $80 includes tank, regulator, vest and tuition. International certification P.A.D.I. and C.M.A.S. For further information phone K. Phelps Ext. 522 or after hours B1 2319.

A.U.S. PHARMACY

The A.U.S. Pharmacy in the Union Building will be open for convenience of staff on Mondays, from 27th November to 18th December, noon to 2 p.m. only.

TYING DONE

Janice Harries, ph. 512608, 13 Proctor Street, Tighe's Hill is willing to type theses, reports, etc. Contact after 5 p.m.